

ACCEPTANCES OF LEGISLATIVE ACTS BY THE TOWN OF IPSWICH

- Sept. 15, 1890, accepted Chapter 386, Acts of 1890, authorizing the Town to print and distribute ballots for the town election at their own expense. (Chapter 41, Section 6)
- April 4, 1892, accepted provisions of act of Legislature of 1882, relating to laying out public parks.
- March 3, 1892, accepted Chapter 50 of the public statutes Sec. 20-24 inclusive, relating to the laying out of sidewalks.
- February 19, 1894, accepted Chapter 313, Acts of 1890 as extended by Chapter 145 Acts of 1893, an act to supply the Town of Ipswich with water.
- March 19, 1894, accepted Chapter 417, Sec. 268, Acts of 1893 relative to the election of a separate board of assessors.
- March 19, 1894, accepted same act providing for the election of a separate board of overseers of the poor.
- May 27, 1901, accepted Chapter 370, Sec. 1, Acts of 1900, the right to manufacture heat, light and power for the inhabitants of the Town of Ipswich.
- January 27, 1902, accepted Chapter 482, Acts of 1901, to elect a town clerk.
- May 14, 1902, accepted Chapter 33, R.L. Sec. 28, relative to electing field drivers.
- May 14, 1902, accepted Chapter 50, R.L. Sec. 1-9, relative to betterments in laying out streets and highways.
- January 23, 1907, accepted Chapter 11, Sec. 339, R.L. relative to election of selectmen.
- March 18, 1907, accepted Chapter 502, Acts of 1906, relative to appointment of school physician.
- March 11, 1908, accepted Chapter 186, Acts of 1907, relative to payment to widow of deceased fireman.
- March 31, 1911, accepted Chapter 11, R.L. relative to appointment of wire inspector.
- June 23, 1911, accepted Chapter 624, Acts of 1910, the town accountant act.
- November 5, 1912, accepted Chapter 503, Acts of 1912, relating to pensioning laborers in the employ of cities and towns.
- November 4, 1913. accepted Chapter 807, Acts of 1913, relative to workman's compensation.
- November 3, 1914, accepted Chapter 688, Acts of 1914, relative to Saturday half holiday.
- November 3, 1914, accepted Chapter 790, Acts of 1914, relative to party enrollment at primary elections.
- May 9, 1916, accepted Chapter 59, Acts of 1916, relating to town meetings and election of town officers.
- October 8, 1919, accepted Chapter 293, Acts of 1916, the Jitney Act.
- November 4, 1919, accepted Chapter 311 Acts of 1919 establishing continuation schools for child laborers.
- March 1, 1920, accepted Chapter 23, Gen. Acts of 1917, relative to licensing coffee houses.
- July 19, 1923, accepted Chapter 391, Acts of 1923, relative to collection of water rates.
- October 14, 1923, accepted Chapter 66, Acts of 1923, relative to extending the treasurer's and collector's term of office from one to three years.

- March 10, 1924, accepted Chapter 41, G.L. Sections 73-81, relative to establishing board of survey for the Town.
- June 29, 1926, accepted Chapter 114, G.L. Section 28, relative to accepting title to cemetery lots.
- December 22, 1927, accepted Chapter 710, Acts of 1912, as amended by Chapter 307 Acts of 1927, relative to clams for bait and family use without permit.
- March 2, 1931, accepted Chapter 406, Acts of 1928, Amending Chapter 136, Section 2, G.L., the Sunday sports law.
- March 4, 1935, accepted Chapter 31, Section 48, G.L., establishing civil service for the regular police.
- March 4, 1935, accepted Chapter 31, Section 49, G.L., establishing civil service for the chief of police.
- March 2, 1936, accepted Chapter 31, Section 48, G.L., establishing civil service for the regular fire department.
- March 1, 1937, accepted Chapter 16 of the Acts of 1937, authorizing a board of trustees to manage land of Town of Ipswich at Great Neck.
- September 2, 1937, accepted Chapter 77 of Acts of 1937, relative to absentee voting at regular town elections.
- September 2, 1937, accepted Chapter 98 of Acts of 1937, relative to disbursements and investments of the Burley Fund.
- November 1, 1937, accepted Chapter 139, Section 1-3 inclusive, G.L. relative to burned and dilapidated and dangerous buildings.
- January 24, 1938, accepted Chapter 41, Sections 81-F to 81-J inclusive, G.L. (as amended and added to by Chapter 211 of the Acts of 1936), relative to election of a planning board of five members to be elected at the annual town meeting.
- March 7, 1938, accepted Chapter 51, Acts of 1938, relative to pension for Valorous H. Grant (now deceased).
- March 6, 1939, accepted Chapter 415, Acts of 1938, relative to further regulating liens for and the collection of water rates and charges.
- March 18, 1940, accepted Section 6A, Chapter 40, G.L., relative to advertising the Town's resources.
- March 18, 1940, accepted Chapter 45, Sections 19-23 inclusive and Chapter 132, Section 35, G.L., relative to Town forests.
- September 4, 1941, accepted Chapter 162, Acts of 1941, relative to the nomination of an inspector of animals.
- March 6, 1944, accepted Section 85, Chapter 32, G.L., relative to the retirement of policemen and firemen totally or permanently incapacitated while in performance of duties and those of 25 years' service at the age of 65.
- March 11, 1946, accepted Chapter 30, Acts of 1946, an act to authorize the construction of a system of sewers in the Town of Ipswich.
- April 1, 1946, accepted Chapter 690, Acts of 1945, relative to town bridges placed under the department of public works for maintenance, repair, control (Choate Bridge).
- May 6, 1946, accepted Chapter 13, Acts of 1946, relative to veterans housing.
- June 12, 1946, accepted Chapter 727, Acts of 1945, relative to increasing teachers' salaries.

- June 12, 1946, accepted Chapter 598, Acts of 1941, relative to making of rules and regulations for the taking of sea worms and all shellfish.
- March 31, 1947, accepted Section 58A, Chapter 638, Acts of 1941 and 1942, relative to establishing a 70 hour work week for permanent firemen.
- March 31, 1947, accepted Chapter 559, Acts of 1946, relative to an increase of pensions of certain former town employees.
- June 23, 1947, accepted Chapter 265, Acts of 1947, relative to closing of town public offices on Saturday.
- November 3, 1947, accepted Chapter 633, Acts of 1947, relative to the retirement on pension of Edward S. Cogswell (now deceased).
- March 1, 1948, accepted Chapter 574, Acts of 1946, relative to a (Ipswich) housing authority.
- May 2, 1949, accepted Chapter 588, Acts of 1948, relative to an increase of pensions of certain former town employees.
- March 7, 1950, accepted Chapter 247, Acts of 1949, the Town Manager Act for the Town of Ipswich; subsequently revoked at the annual town election March 8, 1954.
- March 5, 1951, accepted Chapter 820, Acts of 1950, relative to an increase of certain pensions for certain former town employees.
- March 8, 1951, accepted Chapter 152, Section 69, Acts of 1936, relative to vacations for certain listed town employees.
- March 3, 1952, accepted Chapter 781, Acts of 1951, relative to an increase of certain pensions of certain former town employees.
- March 2, 1953, accepted Chapter 624, Acts of 1952, relative to an increase of certain pensions of former town employees.
- March 1, 1954, accepted Chapter 550, Acts of 1952, and Chapter 668, Acts of 1953, relative to the Ipswich Housing Authority.
- November 2, 1954, accepted Chapter 620, Acts of 1954. Act establishing a selectman-executive secretary form of government for the Town of Ipswich; subsequently revoked at annual town election, March 12, 1962.
- March 5, 1956, accepted Chapter 670, Acts of 1955, relative to increasing the amounts of pension retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees.
- March 4, 1957, accepted Chapter 401, Acts of 1956, establishing civilian defense volunteers as classified employees of the Town, under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5, (1) and Chapter 41, Section 100A, G.L., as amended.
- March 11, 1957, accepted provisions of Section 6C, Chapter 40 G.L. relative to the removal of snow and ice from private ways therein open to public use.
- March 3, 1958, accepted Chapter 223, Acts of 1957, authorizing cities and towns to establish conservation commissions to promote the development of natural resources.
- March 2, 1959, accepted Chapter 427, Acts of 1957, relative to increasing the amount of pensions of certain retired police officers and firefighters.
- March 7, 1960, accepted Chapter 513, Acts of 1959, relative to extending to counties the power to increase certain retirement allowances, pensions and annuities.
- June 7, 1960, accepted Chapter 493, Acts of 1959, relative to increasing certain pensions by \$100.00.

- March 6, 1961, accepted Chapter 647, Acts of 1960, relative to increasing amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees.
- March 5, 1962, accepted Chapter 552, Acts of 1961, relative to increasing the minimum benefit to fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) per year for widows of certain deceased town employees.
- December 17, 1962, accepted Chapter 646, Acts of 1962, relative to increasing the amounts of certain pensions and retirement allowances.
- December 17, 1962, accepted provisions of Section 25, Chapter 41, G.L. relative to the appointment of assessors.
- December 17, 1962, accepted provisions of Section 23A, Chapter 41, G.L., relative to the appointment of an executive secretary.
- December 17, 1962, accepted provisions of Section 103, Chapter 41, G.L., establishing a purchasing department.
- December 17, 1962, accepted provisions of Section 42, Chapter 48, G.L., relative to placing the fire department under control of an officer to be known as chief of the fire department.
- March 4, 1963, accepted provisions of Section 6H, Chapter 40, G.L., as amended by Chapter 319, Acts of 1961, authorizing cities and towns to make repairs on private ways without liability of damages.

Following are actions taken at the Town Meetings of December 17, 1962, and March 04, 1963, to strengthen, clarify, or fill voids in the Town Government following revocation in March 1962 of the 1954 Selectman, Executive Secretary Charter (Chapter 620 of the Acts of 1954).

December 17, 1962

- Article 9. The Town voted that the Board of Selectmen of the Town consist of five members, one such member to be elected at the annual town meeting of 1963 for one year, two such members for two years and two such members for three years, and all successor terms to be for three years; and that the School Committee of the Town consist of seven members, two such members to be elected at the annual town meeting of 1963 for one year, two such members for two years, and three such members for three years, and all successor terms to be for three years; and that the Board of Public Welfare of the Town consist of three members, one such member to be elected at the annual town meeting of 1963 for one year, one such member for two years, and one such member for three years, and all successor terms to be for three years; and that any prior vote of the Town be revoked to the extent that it is inconsistent with this motion; and that this motion applies to the Town Government beginning with the annual town meeting in 1963.
- Article 10. Motion made that there shall be five assessors in the Town; that the Town accept Section 25 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws providing for the appointment of such Town Assessors by the Selectmen and for the removal of them at any time for cause after a hearing; that the Selectmen shall, immediately after the annual meeting in 1963, appoint one such assessor for a term of one year, two such assessors for terms of two years, and two such assessors for terms of three years, all successor terms to be for three years; and that this motion applies to the Town government beginning with the annual meeting in 1963. Motion

amended at meeting to call for three assessors, one to be appointed for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years, all successor terms to be for three years. So voted.

- Article 11. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to petition the General Court for legislation shortening the time and simplifying the procedure for carrying out under the General Laws the report of the Town Government Study Committee in 1962, and for legislation to authorize the Selectmen to appoint the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes of the Town.
- Article 12. The Town voted to establish a Planning Board under the authority of Section 81A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, such Planning Board to consist of five members who are to be either elected or appointed as the Town may designate at the annual meeting in 1963 or at such earlier time as may be permitted by the General Court, the terms of such five members to begin with the annual meeting in 1963 and to be one year for one such member, two years for the second such member, three years for the third such member, four years for the fourth such member and five years for the fifth, with all successor terms to be for five years.
- Article 13. The Town voted to ask under Section 21 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws that the Selectmen act as water commissioners, sewer commissioners, municipal light commissioners or board, and board of public works.
- Article 14. The Town voted to authorize and empower the Selectmen under Section 23A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws to appoint an Executive Secretary for a term of one or three years and to remove said Executive Secretary at their discretion.
- Article 15. The Town voted to accept the provisions of Section 103 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws. (Purchasing Department)
- Article 17. The Town voted to establish a permanent Town Government Study Committee of nine members to be appointed by the Selectmen for such term as the selectmen may designate.
- Article 18. The Town voted to request the General Court to re-enact Chapter 620 of the Acts of 1954 of the General Court being entitled “an act establishing a selectmen-executive-secretary form of government for the Town of Ipswich.”
- Article 19. The Town voted to accept the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 48, Section 42. (Placing Fire Department under Officer to be known as Chief of Fire Department).

March 4, 1963

- Article 16. The Town voted to accept the progress report of the committee on Representative Town Meeting and to continue the committee until the next Annual Town Meeting.
- The Town voted to accept the progress report of the Salt Marsh Committee which was authorized by the last Annual Town Meeting and appointed in June by the Executive Secretary with approval of the Board of Selectmen, voted to continue this committee, voted that the committee shall cooperate with the Conservation Commission and voted to increase the membership from five to seven members, with the committee to make a report of its activities and recommendations at the next Annual Town Meeting.
- Article 25. The Town voted that the Planning Board be appointed by the Board of Selectmen; that the Planning Board consist of five members, the terms of such five members

to begin with the annual meeting in 1963 and to be one year for one such member, two years for the second such member, three years for the third such member, four years for the fourth such member, and five years for the fifth such member, with all successor terms to be for five years.

- Article 37. The Town voted that the Recreation Committee, the Trustees of the Memorial Building and the Playground Committee be consolidated into a single committee, to be known henceforth as the Recreation Committee, such committee to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and consist of five members having all the powers and duties of the foregoing committees and officials as established by prior vote of the Town, and to be considered the duly authorized committee commencing with the Annual Town Meeting.
- Article 39. The Town voted to accept the report of the Town Clerk, dividing the Town into voting precincts as set forth in the report of such clerk, and that the Board of Selectmen be empowered to assign to a precinct designated by such Selectmen, in accordance with logical principles, any voter who cannot determine from such map and list what precinct he or she belongs in; and that such adoption take effect at the end of this calendar year; and that the Board of Selectmen cause a review to be made of such precincts and reported to the Town at the Annual Town Meeting in 1967.
- Article 41. The Town voted to confirm that the By-Laws of the Town remain in effect notwithstanding the expiration of Chapter 620 of the Acts of 1954.
- Article 44. The Town voted that the Building Code Committee be continued.
- Article 61. The Town voted to authorize, to the extent permitted by law, any of the Town boards to appoint any member or members of their respective boards to any other Town office or position, and fix the compensation or salary for any such member or members who may be appointed under such authority.

March 11, 1963 Town Election

- Question 2. Town voted to have the Selectmen act as Water & Light Commissioners. (effective March 1964)
- Question 3. Town voted to have the Selectmen act as Sewer Commissioners. (effective March 1964)
- Question 4. Town voted to have the Selectmen act as Board of Public Works. (effective March 1964)
- March 2, 1964, Accepted Acts, 1963, Chapter 478, increasing amounts of pension and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (art. 32)
- March 2, 1964, accepted G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8D, authorizing the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Historic Commission for the Town (art. 54)
- March 15, 1966, accepted G.L. Chapter 10, Section 8A, relating to the establishment of a Development and Industrial Commission (art. 72)
- March 18, 1968, accepted Acts 1967, Chapter 156, providing for the establishment of a regional school district and for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a regional vocational school by the said district (art. 20)
- March 18, 1968, accepted various provisions of G.L. Chapter 94, Sections 119, 120, and 120A, authorizing certain fees for licensing of the operation of slaughterhouses (art 23)

- March 2, 1970, accepted Acts 1969, Chapter 391 (G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8E), authorizing cities and towns to establish Youth Commissions (art. 17)
- March 2, 1970, accepted G.L. Chapter 90C, authorizing the imposition of parking fines (art. 19)
- March 1, 1971, accepted G.L. Chapter 41, Section 108L, authorizing adoption of police career incentive pay program
- March 5, 1973, accepted Acts 1970, Chapter 344 (G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53C), regarding establishment of a revolving fund for the payment of police officers for off duty work details
- November 17, 1975, accepted G.L. Chapter 164A, Sections 1-27, authorizing the Town to join the New England Power Pool (art. 10)
- Accepted Acts 1971, Chapter 486 (Beano)
- May 3, 1976, accepted Acts 1975, Chapter 775, allowing Ipswich to join the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company, Massachusetts Special Laws Chapter 13, Section 1-20
- May 2, 1977, accepted G.L. Chapter 40, Section 22D, authorizing towing away of vehicles illegally parked or standing on public ways
- May 2, 1977, accepted G.L. Chapter 40D, Section 2, authorizing creation of Industrial Development Financing Authority
- May 2, 1977, accepted G.L. Chapter 40A, the new zoning enabling act, in conjunction with adoption of a new protective Zoning By-Law (which By-Law will be presented in its amended form as part of the consolidated Town Charter, By-Laws and Regulations at a later date.)
- May 1, 1978, accepted G.L. Chapter 83, Section 16A, allowing unpaid sewer bills to be placed as liens on real estate
- April 2, 1979, accepted M.G.L. Chapter 82, Section 16A-16F inclusive, relative to sewer betterments
- April 2, 1979, accepted G.L. Chapter 40, Sections 42G-42I inclusive, relative to the assessment of betterments for water main extensions.
- April 2, 1979, accepted self-insurance alternative for unemployment compensation and established a fund in accordance with Chapter 412, Acts of 1978 (Chapter 40, Section 5E, G.L.)
- April 2, 1979, accepted G.L. Chapter 258, Section 9 (Chapter 512, Acts of 1978), providing indemnity to town employees arising out of claims against the Town (Article 41); ballot referendum April 14, 1980, following prior week's Annual Town Meeting floor vote added acceptance of G.L. 234:13 (Acts of 1979, Chapter 396) on the same subject
- April 2, 1979, accepted G.L. Chapter 151B, and joined the Cape Ann Transit Authority; this vote was clarified and confirmed on July 30, 1979
- April 2, 1979, accepted G.L. Chapter 80, Section 13B, relative to deferment of betterments (Article 32, April 2, 1979)
- April 7, 1980, accepted G.L. Chapter 40, Section 13, and established Municipal Buildings Insurance Fund
- April 7, 1980, accepted G.L. Chapter 234, Section 1, exempting permanent firefighters from jury duty
- April 7, 1980, pursuant to Acts of 1979, Chapter 151, Section 14 (G.L. Chapter 4, Section 4B), rescinded its prior acceptance of G.L. Chapter 41, Section 111, to the extent that said

Section 111 mandates the granting of two weeks of paid vacation to any town employee for service of thirty (30) weeks, but less than fifty-two (52) weeks

- April 7, 1980, accepted G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53D, establishing a recreation revolving fund to make payments for the lighting of recreational facilities at Bialek Park; amended April 15, 1982, expanding the use of the fund for the conduct of self-supporting recreational services to the town
- April 6, 1981, rescinded acceptance of G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8E, relative to Youth Commissions (see Charter charges)
- April 5, 1982, accepted G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E, establishing a revolving fund for plumbing and gas inspection fees
- April 5, 1982, amended action of April 7, 1980, to expand purpose of recreation revolving fund from Bialek Park lighting to general recreation purposes
- April 5, 1982, accepted G.L. Chapter 90, Section 20A 1/2, relative to parking fines
- April 5, 1982, accepted G.L. Chapter 40, Section 4G, relative to advertising municipal contracts prior to award; and rescinded general By-Laws Chapter XI, Section 13, optional purchasing procedure
- April 4, 1983, accepted G.L. Chapter 70, Section 71E, authorizing the establishment of revolving funds for adult education and school building maintenance expenses associated therewith
- April 4, 1983, accepted G.L. Chapter 71, section 71F, authorizing the establishment of separate accounts for nonresident school tuition and for reimbursements for students who are under foster care
- April 4, 1983, accepted G.L. Chapter 148, Section 26C, requiring the installation of smoke or heat detectors in certain multi-family dwellings, hotels, lodging houses, and other institutions
- April 4, 1983, under G.L. Chapter 40, Section 5, subsection 27(b), established a revolving fund for the 350th celebration
- April 2, 1984, accepted G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 11A, allowing employees to purchase additional group life and AD & D insurance at their own expense
- April 7, 1986, accepted G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F, enabling compensating balance agreements for the provision of banking services
- April 7, 1986, accepted G.L. Chapter 40, Section 57, allowing for revocation or suspension of licenses for nonpayment of taxes or assessments
- April 4, 1988, accepted G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, paragraph 5A, exempting \$400,000 of real estate valuation for Veterans Groups' property
- April 4, 1988, accepted G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, clause 37A, increasing exemption from taxes to \$500 for the legally and totally blind
- April 4, 1988, accepted G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 8A, distributing dividends on group insurance, net of town administrative expenses proportionately to payments made by insured employees
- June 20, 1988, accepted G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, paragraph 5B, exempting \$700,000 of real estate valuation for Veterans Groups' property
- June 20, 1988, accepted G.L. Chapter 41, Section 81U, twelfth paragraph, enabling the Town to utilize up to \$25,000 in subdivision development deposits, without appropriation, to complete a subdivision

- June 20, 1988, accepted G.L. Chapter 71, Section 40, raising the minimum teacher's salary to \$20,000 per year. (NOTE: January 6, 1986, Special Town Meeting established \$18,000 as minimum teacher salary.)
- April 3, 1989, accepted G.L. Chapter 50, Section 3C, establishing a local scholarship fund.
- April 3, 1989, accepted G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, relaxing eligibility requirements for the elderly in real estate taxes
- April 3, 1989, accepted G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D, relative to noncriminal disposition of certain violations
- October 22, 1990, accepted G.L. Chapter 90, Section 22B (b)-(k) inclusive, relative to the disposal of abandoned motor vehicles
- April 1, 1991, accepted Chapter 291, Acts of 1990, improving emergency telecommunications ("E-911") within the Commonwealth
- April 1, 1991, withdrew from membership in Essex County Mosquito Control Project, Acts of 1958, Chapter 516
- April 1, 1991, accepted G.L. Chapter 148, Section 26G, "Automatic Sprinkler Systems Required Installation; Exceptions; Alternative Fire Suppressant Systems"
- April 1, 1991, accepted G.L. Chapter 148, Section 26I "Automatic Sprinkler Systems; New or Used Multi-Unit Residential Structures"
- April 1, 1991, accepted G.L. Chapter 140, Section 185I, relative to the licensing of fortune tellers
- April 6, 1992, accepted G.L. Chapter 40, Section 22F, authorizing local officials to set fees and charges
- October 17, 1992, accepted Chapter 71, Acts of 1993, Section 93 as amended, to provide an early retirement program for teachers and school administrators who are members of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System
- October 17, 1992, accepted Chapter 148, Section 26H, relative to Automatic Sprinkler Systems; Lodging and Boarding Houses, Exceptions: Definitive
- April 4, 1994, accepted Chapter 71, Section 83, Acts of 1993 as amended, to provide for an Early Retirement Program for members of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System.
- April 3, 1995, accepted Chapter 41, Section 69B, to establish a special revenue (enterprise) fund for the Water Division.
- July 24, 1995, accepted G.L. Chapter 164, Section 58B through 58F, inclusive, relative to liens upon real estate for nonpayment of electric service charges (Board of Selectmen)
- October 23, 1995, accepted G.L. Chapter 41, Section 41B, relative to direct deposit of employee payroll
- April 9, 1996, accepted G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 9A, relative to the payment by the Town of one-half of premiums for group health insurance for retirees
- October 21, 1996, accepted G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 18, requiring insured retirees and their spouses and/or dependents who are enrolled, or eligible to be enrolled, in Medicare A to transfer to the Town's Medicare extension plan
- October 20, 1997, accepted G.L. Chapter 64G, Section 3A, to establish a local excise tax upon the transfer of occupancy of any room or rooms in a bed and breakfast establishment, hotel, lodging house or motel with the Town at a rate of 4% of the total amount of rent of each such occupancy

- April 6, 1998, accepted G.L. Chapter 60A, Section 1 (fourth paragraph) exempting former prisoners of war from the payment of certain motor vehicle excise taxes
- October 19, 1998, accepted G.L. Chapter 44, Section 55, relative to payment of paid vacation benefits
- April 5, 1999, accepted G.L. Chapter 64G, Section 3A, to establish a local 4% excise tax upon the transfer of occupancy of any room in a bed and breakfast establishment, hotel, lodging house or motel within the Town
- April 13, 1999, accepted G.L. Chapter 59, Section 2D, providing for taxing certain improved real property based on its value at the time an occupancy permit is issued
- October 18, 1999, accepted G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D, to provide a property tax exemption to qualifying elderly persons over 70 years in age
- October 18, 1999, accepted G.L. Chapter 140, Section 147A, enabling the Town to adopt local animal control bylaws
- April 4, 2000, accepted G.L. Chapter 59, Section 57C, enabling the Town to issue quarterly tax bills for real estate and personal property
- October 16, 2000, accepted G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5K, relative to senior citizen property tax work-off abatements
- October 15, 2001, accepted G.L. Chapter 32B, sections 7A and 9E, relative to the Town's contributory payment of premium for employees' group life and health insurance
- April 12, 2002, accepted Acts of 2002 Ch. 88, authorizing the appointment of certain persons as firefighters notwithstanding the maximum age requirement
- April 12, 2002, accepted Acts of 2002 Ch. 89, authorizing certain persons to take a civil service examination for firefighter notwithstanding the maximum age requirement
- October 16, 2006, accepted MGL Ch. 39, Section 23D allowing members of any municipal board, committee or commission not to be disqualified from voting in an adjudicatory hearing solely due to the absence from no more than a single session of the hearing at which testimony or other evidence is received.
- October 16, 2006, accepted MGL Ch. 71, Section 37M, Consolidation of Administrative Functions with the Town
- April 2, 2007, accepted Acts of 1993, Ch. 481, Section 2, to permit a common victualler who holds a license to sell liqueurs and cordials in accordance with the provisions of MGL Ch. 138, Section 12
- April 2, 2007, accepted MGL Ch. 44, Section 55C, establishing a trust to be known as the Ipswich Affordable Housing Trust Fund whose purpose shall be to provide for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the Town for the benefit of low and moderate income households.
- August 29, 2007, accepted Acts of 2007, Ch. 98, authorizing the town of Ipswich to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises.
- January 9, 2008, accepted Acts of 2008, Chapter 1, an act relative to the affordable housing trust fund.
- March 27, 2008, accepted Acts of 2008 Ch. 66, an act relative to the operation of the sewer system of the town of Ipswich.
- May 14, 2008, accepted Acts of 2008 Ch. 110, an act relative to incurring indebtedness.
- May 13, 2008, accepted MGL Ch. 59, Section 5(54), added by Acts of 2000 Chapter 159, to permit the Assessors of the Town of Ipswich to establish a minimum fair cash value of

\$10,000 for personal property accounts to be taxed, starting in FY'2009. The Town Assessor recommends the minimum cash value be set at \$3,500 and as such move that the minimum cash value be set at \$3,500 for personal property accounts to be taxed, starting in FY'2009.

- June 1, 2009, (Adjourned Session of May 12, 2009), accepted MGL Ch. 33, Sec. 59 which provides a limited number of training days to members of the National Guard or reserves
- June 1, 2009, (Adjourned Session of May 12, 2009), accepted MGL Ch. 182, Section 77, of the Legislative Acts of 2008, which provides for compensation and other benefits to public employees who have been called to active military service since September 11, 2001.
- June 1, 2009, (Adjourned Session of May 12, 2009), MGL Ch. 32B, Section 20, which governs group health insurance for active and retired employees of local governments and which permits cities and towns to set up a special trust fund to be called, the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund, for appropriations made to cover the unfunded actuarial liability for health care and other post-employment benefits for retirees.
- October 26, 2010, accepted MGL Ch. 138, Section 33B, as amended, which authorizes the Board of Selectmen, as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority, to issue licenses allowing licensees to sell alcoholic beverages starting at 10 a.m. on Sundays and certain legal holidays.
- May 10, 2011, accepted MGL Ch. 64L, Section 2(a) to impose a local option meals excise of .75%
- May 10, 2011, accepted MGL Ch. 59 Section 5 added by Chapter 181 of the Acts of 1995
- May 10, 2011, accepted MGL Ch. 59 Section 5, Clause 17E
- May 10, 2011, accepted MGL Ch. 59 Section 5, Clause 41D
- October 27, 2015, MGL Ch. 59 Section 5, Clause 41C-reduced age of eligibility to age 65 from 70, to adjust exemption amount from \$750 to \$1,000, to increase the allowable income for applicants from \$18,727 to \$20,000 if single and from \$23,175 to \$30,000 if married, increase the allowable assets for applicants from \$30,593 to \$40,000 if single and from \$32,778 to \$55,000 if married, to be effective for exemptions granted for any Fiscal Year beginning on or after July 1, 2016
- October 27, 2015, MGL Ch. 59 Section 5, Clause 41D – rescinded